

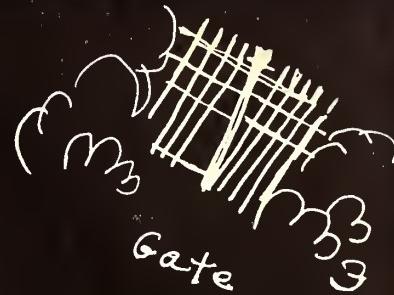


ROCK RIVER





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Gate

Rockford
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Hockey,
Archery,
Golf,
Softball Field



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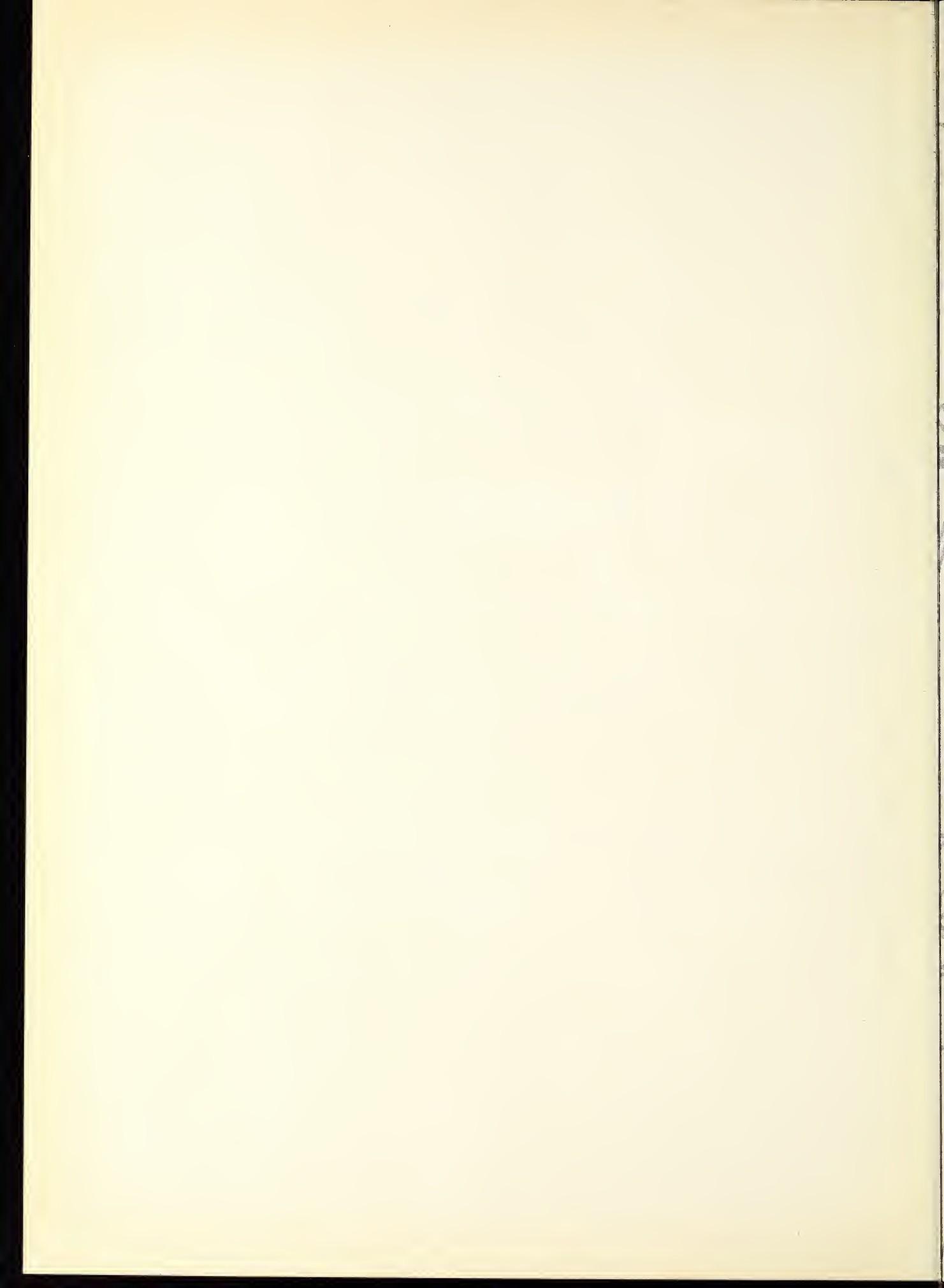
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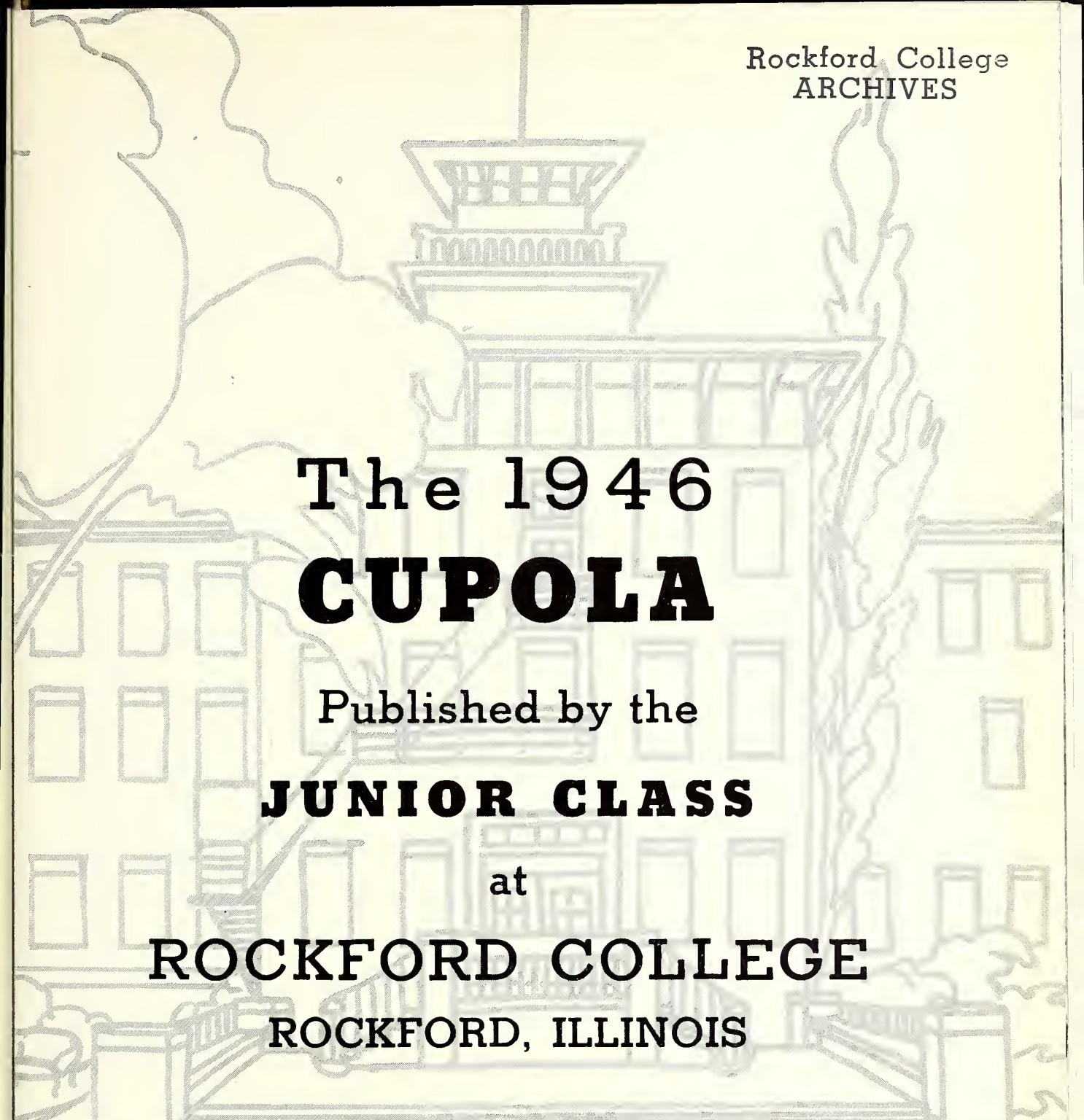
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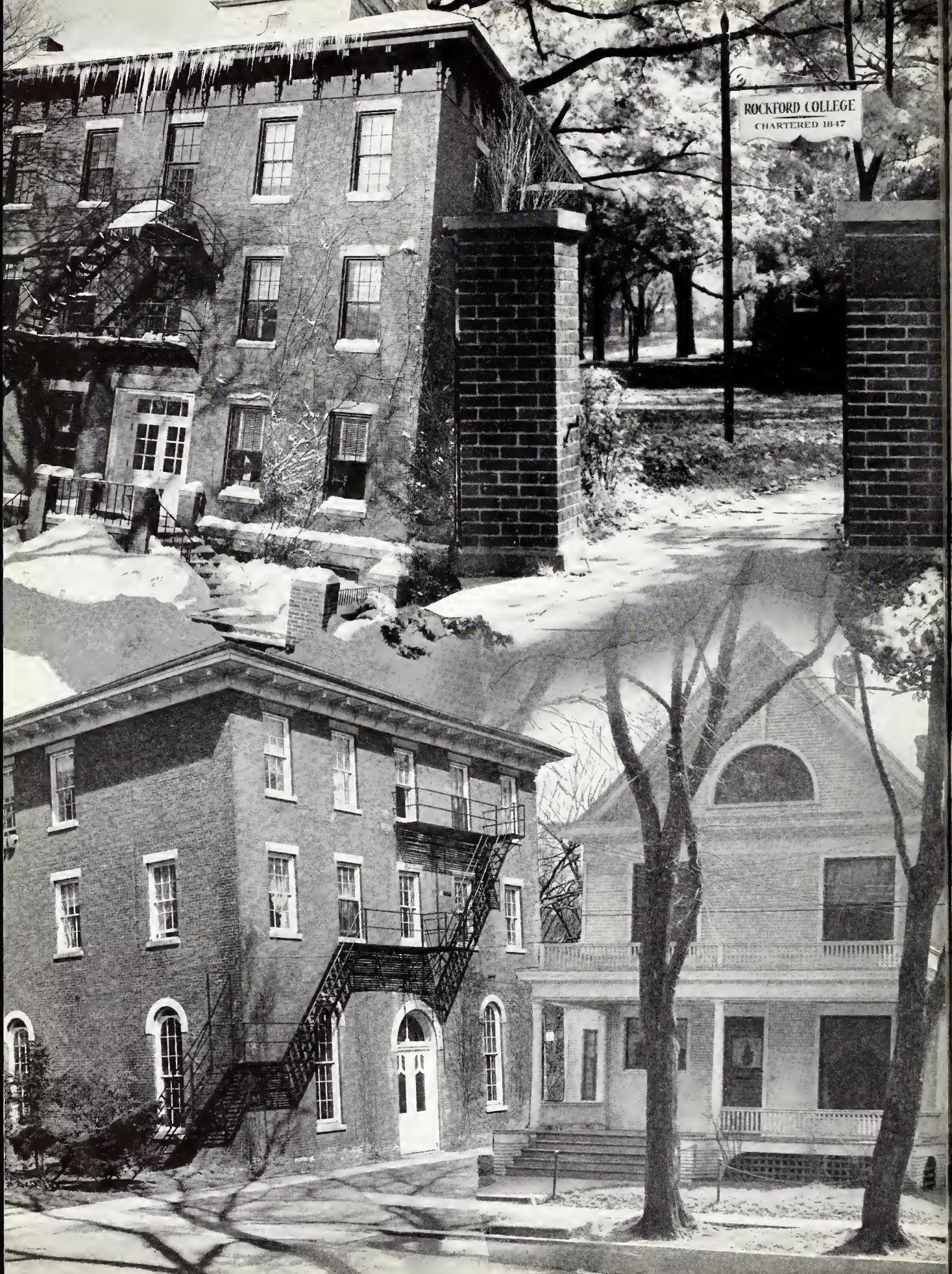
For three years we have been here together---working, playing, and growing together. Soon you are going to leave, but the memory of your leadership, inspiration, and, most of all, your friendship, will always be with us.

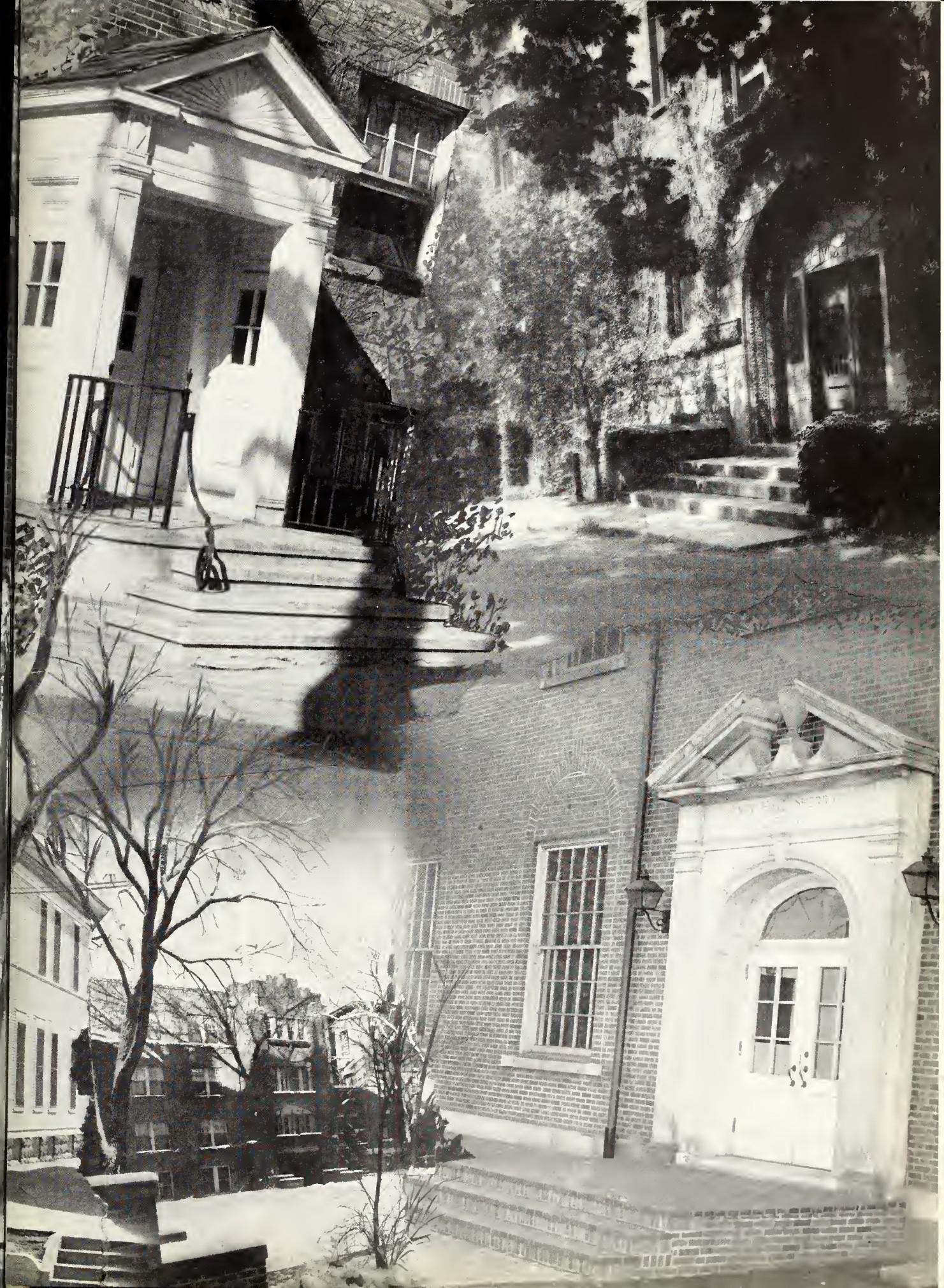
We give you this 1946 Cupola to show you what you will always mean to us; we think this is the way you want to remember Rockford.

The Class of '47



ROCKFORD COLLEGE
CHARTERED 1847







Miss Mary Ashby Cheek

President of Rockford College



Miss Esther L. Swenson
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Assistant to the Nurse



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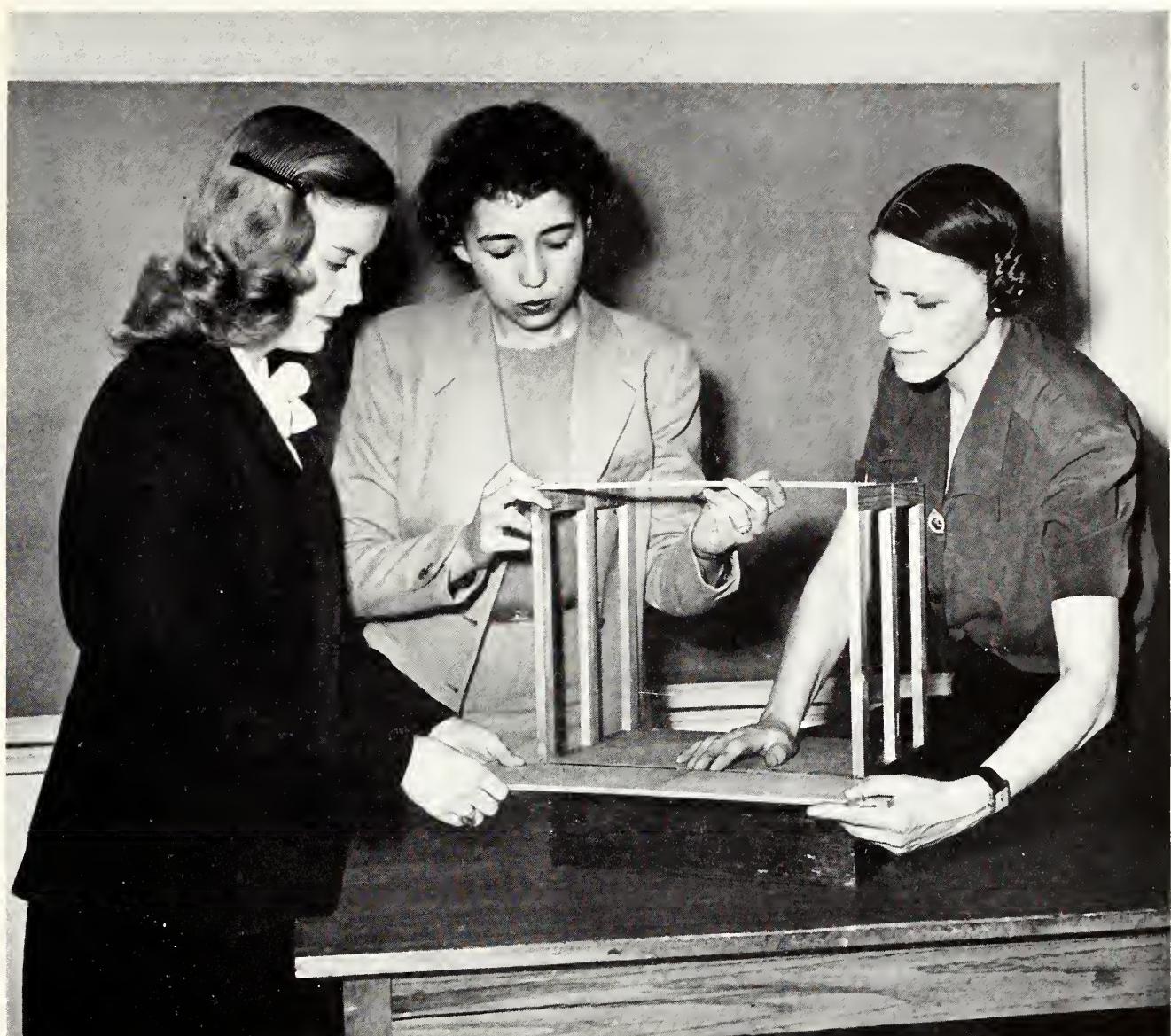
P. SCHMITZ
*Secretary
to the Director of
Public Relations*

Not Pictured: Mrs. L. J. Hall, and Mrs. John Warner, Assistants to the Director of Admissions.



MR. MICAWBER INTRODUCES
DAVID COPPERFIELD TO LONDON

B. von Glehn



Language and Literature

The study of the literature of the world and comparison of cultures reflected through writing is a noble method of attaining a realistic conception of the world today. Even more valuable is the opportunity to read writing in its original language. Rockford has done much, through broad survey courses for underclassmen, leading to intensified study during the upperclass years, to correlate the world of letters with contemporary civilization.



ABBIE FINDLAY POTTS
Dramatic Literature



ELIZABETH BUCKMASTER
Dramatic Literature



LORENA M. CHURCH
English Literature



MELLIE JOHN
English Literature



SUSAN SAVAGE
Classics



ESTHER SWENSON
English Literature



MRS. CHARLES DEBES
Speech



JEREMY INGALLS
Resident Poet



MRS. F. J. HANNAH
English Literature



Upper Class Play, Oscar Wilde's . . . *The Importance of Being Earnest*



CAST



CREW



Behind the scenes with the sophomore play,
Masefield's *The Tragedy of Nan*.



LUCILE BLACKFAN
Associate Professor of Modern
Languages



JULIA D. INGERSOLL
Professor of French



MRS. CLAIRE QUANDT
Lecturer in French



MRS. GABRIELE BREZINA
Assistant Professor of Spanish



MRS. R. D. LORENZ
Instructor in Spanish



Spanish Table in the Dining Room



SPEECH SCIENCE MAJORS

Silcroft, Elliott, Engert



DRAMATIC CLUB OFFICERS

Gladous, Secretary; Engert, President; Elliott, Treasurer; Hoven, Vice-President.

Dramatic Club

Back Row, left to right: Diehl, Williams, Fallon, Westberg, Hinds, Van Horne, Manuell, Barnett, Densmore. Middle Row: Christensen, O'Connell, Nash, Engert, Hoven, M. Smith, Hinshaw. Front Row: Schopps, Bradley, Coffman, Searles, Zeisel.





D. von Glahn



Social Sciences

The social sciences, as well as seeking to expand the integration of the "Liberal Arts", offers various specialized avenues. The dynamic society of "man" is studied and evaluated as regards its historical, economic, political, socio-psychological, anthropologic aspects. It is this comprehensive analysis of the pattern of human institutions—anticipating reform, progress, and greater happiness for man—that the social sciences outline their various studies. Certainly, with the rapid advance of the physical and technological sciences, the science of human institutions must keep pace, and advance to combat human delinquency as regards atomic destruction and wars.



ELIZABETH
PARNHAM BRUSH
History



MRS. CHARLES
HEIMSATH
Philosophy



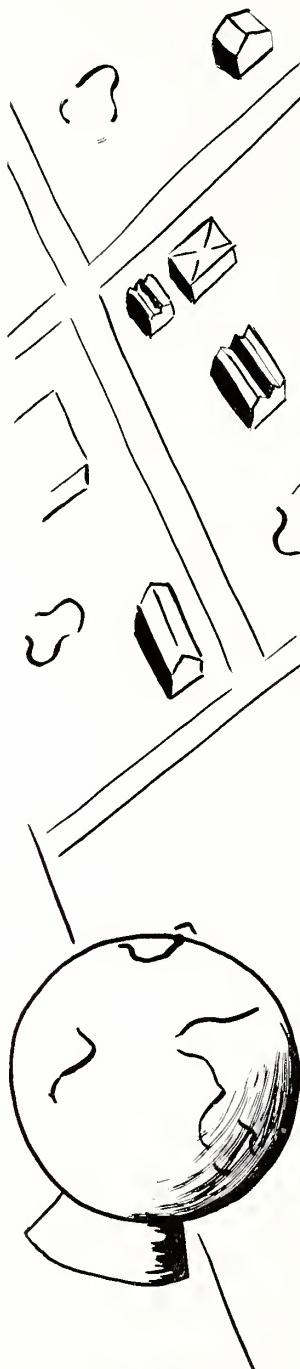
DONNA FAY
THOMPSON
Sociology



DOROTHY WATSON
Economics



EDUARD LINDEMAN
*Visiting Professor of
Social Philosophy*



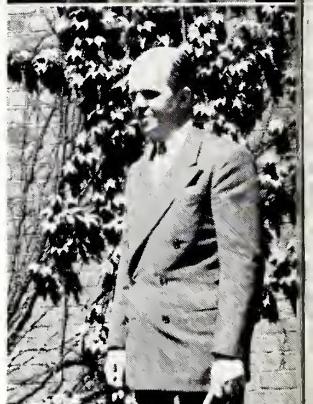
JORDAN CAVAN
Education



ISABEL ROSS ABBOTT
History



STANLEY ERIKSON
Political Science



WILLIAM H.
FULTON
Religion



MRS. JOSEPH
RHEINGOLD
Psychology



Forum



Back Row: Elliott, Maurer, Densmore, Westberg, Twomey, Curti. Front Row: Silcroft, President; Dr. Erickson, Diehl.

International Relations Club

Back Row: Maurer, Twomey, Selleck, Westberg, Hoinko, Moyer, Abbott, Densmore, Peterson. Middle Row: Isley, Dauner, Miss Abbott, Tremper, President; Elliott, Hinshaw. Front Row: Agnew, Reese, Laughlin, Trelease, Nash.



Home Economics



GENEVIEVE J. BUCKNELL
Lecturer in Home Economics



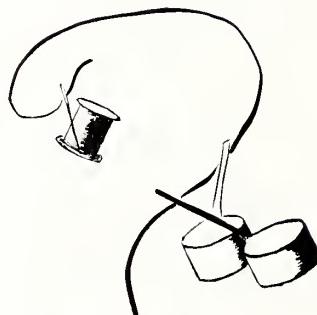
LILLIAN WATKINS
Professor of Home Economics



MRS. LEE RICHER
Assistant Professor of Home Economics



These students prepare and serve luncheons in Adams Hall, which is well-equipped with kitchens and dining room.





Science and Mathematics

With the increasingly scientific interpretation of all aspects of international life, both cultural and political, a knowledge of the scientific method is a necessary preliminary. With the vast strides of science contributing to an ever more complex world, our learning in these fields can never cease. For this appreciation and understanding, our science department gives us the preliminary framework.



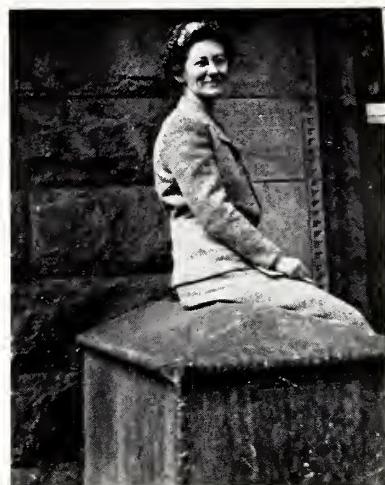
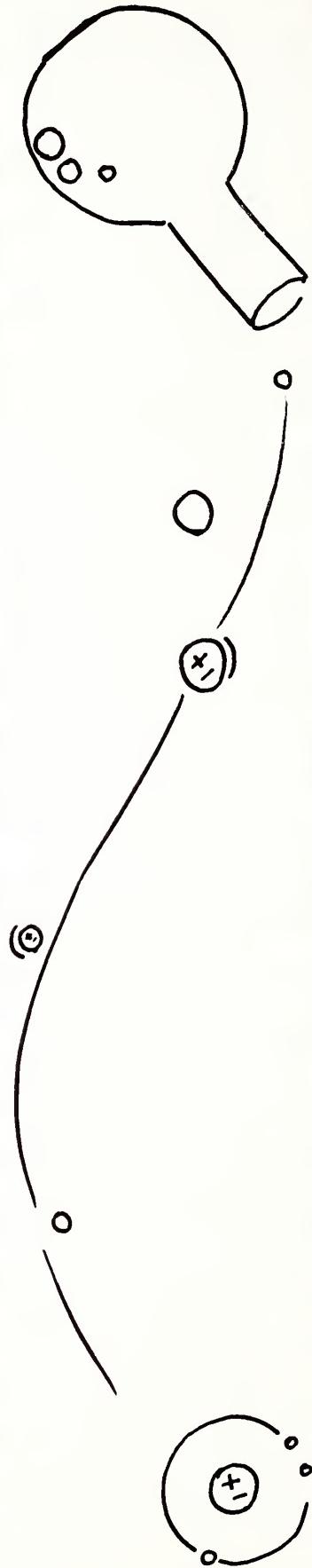
A. FRANCES JOHNSON
Professor of Mathematics and
Physics



EVELYN I. FERNALD
Professor of Botany



MARY ELVEBACK
Assistant Professor of Mathematics



EDITHA UNDERHILL
Associate Professor of Chemistry



ELIZABETH L. SAWYER
Associate Professor of Zoology



R. D. MULLINIX
Professor of Chemistry



In addition to the Science Club, a student discussion group, the Science-Journal Club, a faculty-student organization, meets monthly to discuss new phases of scientific advancement. Field trips and visits to the science departments of other campuses in Chicago, Champaign, and De Kalb have been held this year.

Science Club



Back Row: E. J. Hoffman, Isley, Twomey, Reese, Abbott, Westvik, Bernstein, Mitzgen.
Front Row: Shamel, Krantz, Thorby, Ross, president, Hansen, Smith.





Voice lessons are given in the studios of Emerson Hall

The Arts

The division of the arts holds a substantial position in the Rockford curriculum, where emphasis is placed upon the relation of the ability and interest to the individual girl. The high, roomy fourth floor of Adams reflects the diversity of types of work done by this department. The department of music offers both vocal and instrumental instruction, in addition to courses in the history and appreciation of music.



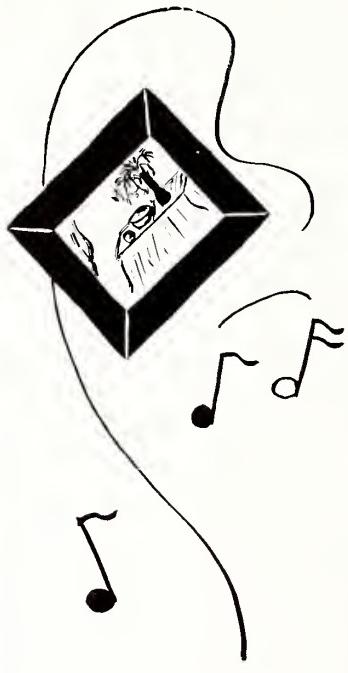
ANDREAS FUGMANN
Piano, Theory, and Voice



LUDWIG SCHMIDT
Violin



MIZZI FUGMANN
Voice



ANDRENE KAUFFMANN
Art







GLEE CLUB OFFICERS
Gradous, librarian; N. Williams, secretary-treasurer;
Coffman, president.

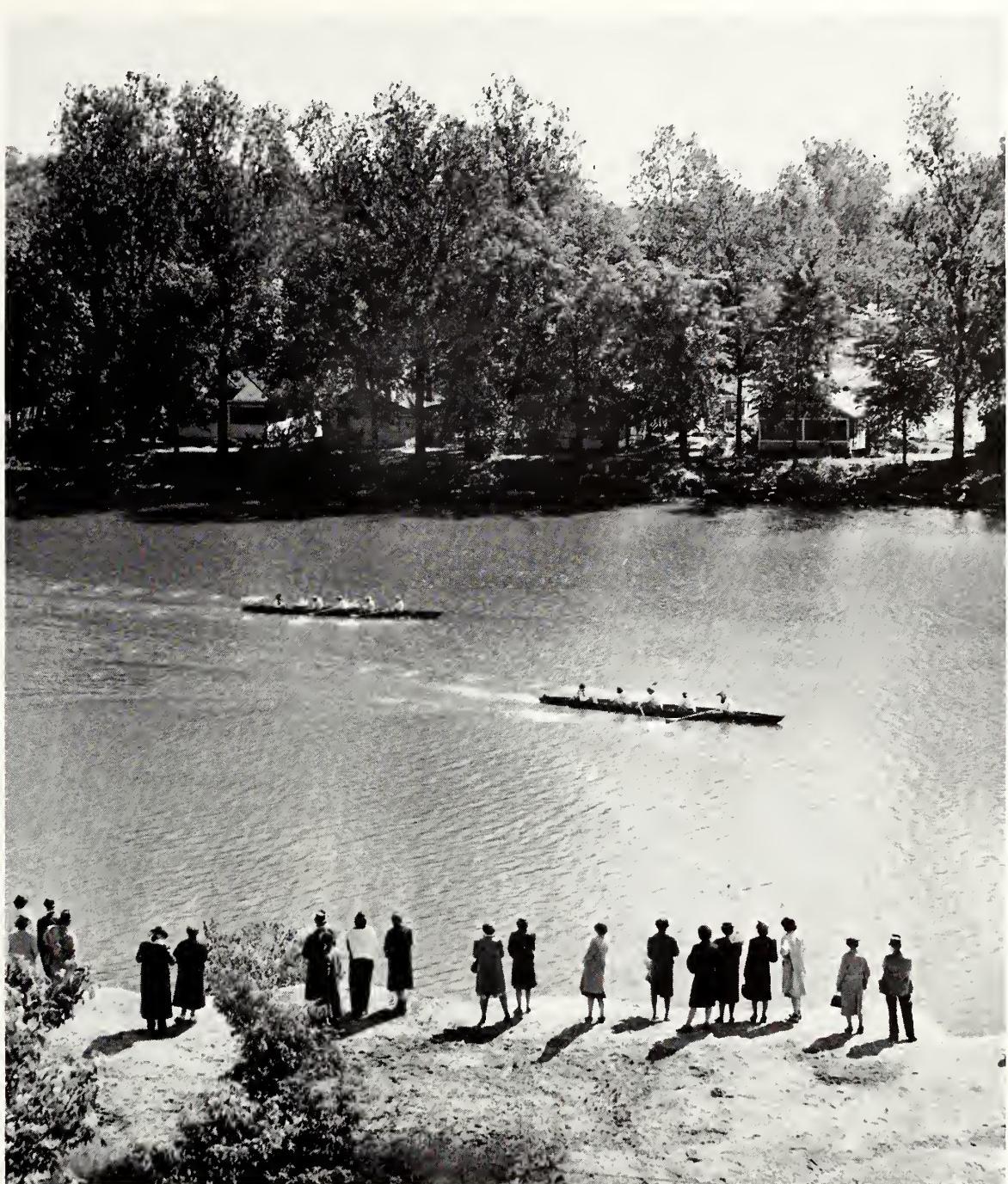


ALPHA THETA HONORARY MUSIC SOCIETY
Chinn, Schrier, President, P. Johnson, Loefelmacher.

Glee Club



Back Row: Potter, Ramberg, Waterman, Loefelmacher, Klopsch, Coffman. *Third Row:* Bails, Yovaish, P. Johnson, Peel, Messer, Robinson, Koester. *Second Row:* Crissey, Dauner, Van Horne, Gradous, Horth, Beebe, M. Anderson. *Front Row:* Chinn, Williams, Volkmann, Arbisi, Eckels, Isley, Nelson.



Crew-racing on the Rock River

Physical Education

Enthusiasts of almost any sport will find it at Rockford College, where the Athletic Association is active on campus from the first hockey call-out in the fall until the crew shells are put away in June. Everyone belongs to A.A., and almost every girl has participated in the many intracollege games and tournaments held throughout the year. Seasonal banquets in the dining room, the annual ski trip in February, and "play days" at surrounding colleges are all sponsored by A.A.



RUTH BONNELL
Dance

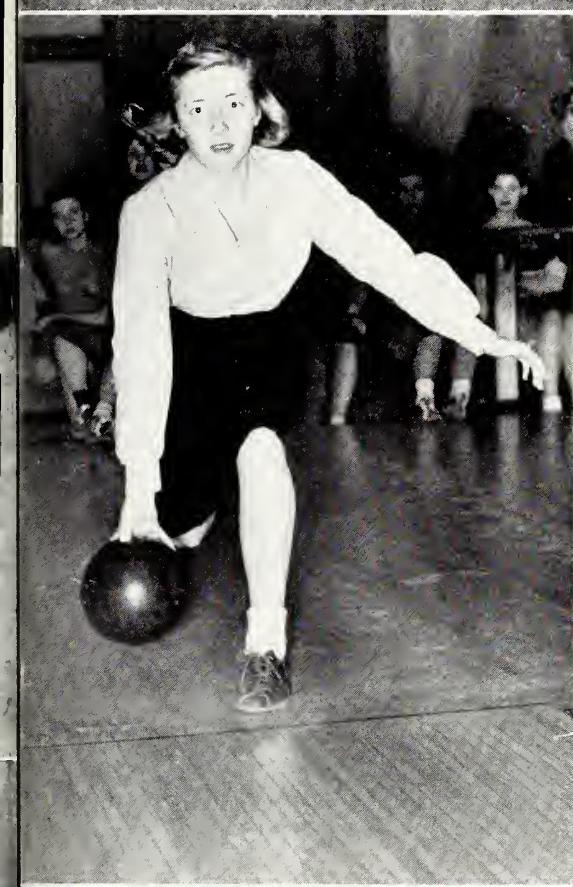


VIRGINIA SPENCER
Physical Education



BARBARA LANDAU
Physical Education





Christmas at RC

Christmas at RC . . . the first time a jubilant "Jingle Bells" rings out in the dining room at dinner . . . the appearance of Weise's big neon candle . . . frenzied trips downtown, returning, rosy-cheeked, with gaily wrapped packages . . . Christmas Formal, when the man comes up . . . the morning the freshmen, incredibly fresh-looking at six a.m., hang the greens and wake us up with carols . . . the huge tree in Middle and the ever-burning fire in the grate . . . the corridor parties, with popcorn balls and cider and fifty-cent gifts . . . the Freshman Serenade . . . the rush for cabs on the evening of the twenty-first . . . everyone dressed up, making even the IC station look gay.





THE VANGUARD

Vanguard, the college newspaper, has served not only as an organ of free expression of opinion, but also as an integral part of Student Government. Vanguard has pledged itself to aid in the understanding and utilization of all the potentialities of such government, to contribute toward an understanding of world problems, to stimulate free, independent, and hopeful thought among Rockford College students, to promote a fuller appreciation of our resources in liberal arts education, and to present a genuine reflection of the spirit that is Rockford, and channel this spirit progressively toward a tangible realization of the goals and aims which have guided this college for the last century.



VANGUARD EDITORS

Back Row: Eleanor Lyman, Business Manager; Elizabeth Majo, Technical Editor. Front Row: Miriam Tunison, Editor-in-Chief; Phyllis Zeisel, Literary Editor.



VANGUARD STAFF

Back Row: Burney, Twomey, Scott, van Horne, Cohn, Holler, Densmore, Barnett, Tremper, Bernstein, Fairchild, Leavenworth, Abbott, Ross, Cimbalo, Peterson, White, Shannessy, Eckels. Seated: Selleck, Hubbell, Dunning, Lyman, Majo, Tunison, Hinshaw, Zeisel, Searles. Front Row: Dunning, Fallon, Heuter, Ramberg, Isley, Hamilton, Reese, Myers.



CUPOLA EDITORS

Standing: D. Leavenworth, Photography Editor; Susan Eckels, Business Manager. Seated: Joan Peterson, Editor-in-Chief; Barbara von Glahn, Art Editor.

Cupola

Cupola is published each spring by the members of the junior class as a tribute to the graduating seniors. The aim of the yearbook is to present an accurate pictorial review of the year's activities in an attractive and permanent form.



CUPOLA STAFF

Back Row: Von Glahn, Zeisel, Heuter, Hubbell, Moyer, Caldwell, Hamilton, Hinshaw, Mott, Bradley. Front Row: Tunison, Fallon, Van Horne, Peterson, Hutschenreuter, Herlihy, Searles.



Janice Robinson
Editor, Rockford Review



Joyce Gayle and Barbara Conklin
Editors, Handbook

Rockford Review reaches an avid body of readers in March and includes representative pieces of writing that have been done throughout the year.

The Handbook is published chiefly for the benefit of freshmen and other new students and contains the rules and regulations of the College.



ROCKFORD REVIEW STAFF
Majo, C. White, Crissey, Robinson, Hinshaw, Burney, Van Horne.

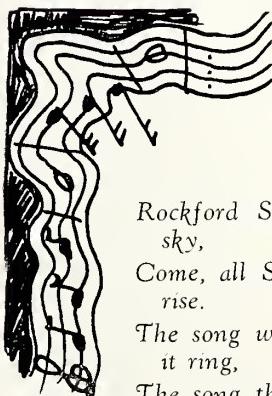


Seniors





Back Row: Engert, Nash, M. Smith, Anderson, Majo, Burda, Gradous, Chrysler, Matsunaga, S. Smith, Roos, Lyons. *Middle Row:* Green, Kreuter, Nilson, Wall, Crissey, Hoven, Silcroft, Daane, Miller, Shamel, Thorby. *Front Row:* Evans, Robinson, Williams, Coffman, Dauner, Hoinko, Elliott, C. Johnson, Hinds, Christensen, Anderson.



Rockford Star is lighting the eastern
sky,
Come, all Seniors, come and watch it
rise.
The song we sing, together we'll make
it ring,
The song that never dies.

Before you stands the Senior Class
United by true friendship's ties.
Watch us as we pass to meet the echo
from on high.
Listen to our song we sing as we go
marching on
For our loyalty, through eternity,
We're the Class of Forty-Six!



SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS

Coffman, Song Leader; C. Johnson, Treasurer;
Elliott, Secretary; Hoinko, President; Dauner,
Vice-President.



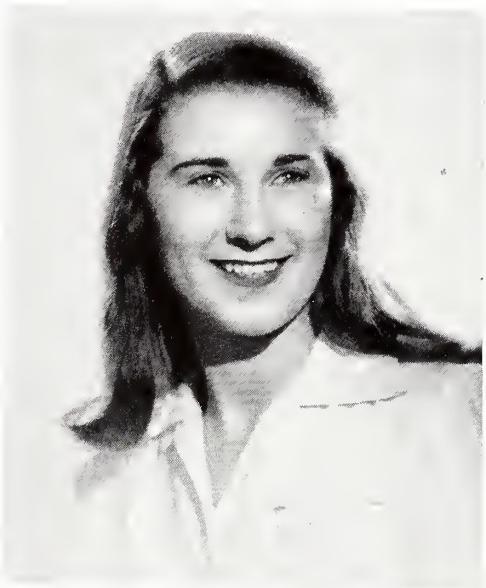
Caroline Anderson
Art



Marilyn Anderson
Economics



June Burda
Household Arts

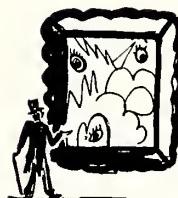


Marie Christensen
French





Nita Lee Coffman
Art



Agnes Crissey
Psychology



Joan Daane
Household Science



Ruth Dauner
Household Science





Jean Elliott
Speech



Ruth Engert
Speech



Mary Joan Evans
Speech and Drama



Marilyn Gradous
Psychology





Hazel Green
Zoology



Jean Hinds
Household Science



Helen Hoinko
Economics



Dora Kay Hoven
Household Science





Elizabeth Foley
Hudnutt
French



Corinne Johnson
Spanish



Sylvia Kreuter
*Mathematics and
Physics*



Jean Lyons
Sociology





Elizabeth Majo
English Literature



Helen Matsunaga
History



Geraldine Miller
General Sciences



Nancy Nash
Mathematics and Physics





Dorothy Nilson
Household Arts



Janice Robinson
Zoology



Jean Shamel
Chemistry



Jacquelyn Silcroft
Speech Science





Marjorie Smith
English Literature



Suszann Smith
Sociology



Jean Thorby
Zoology



Ruthmary Wall
Sociology





Nancy Williams
English Literature



Yellow dresses . . . "How-do-you-do!" . . . lugging suitcases up to third J.B. . . . rooms in Talcott . . . we're Seniors now! . . . Table heads . . . "Shall we introduce ourselves?" . . . November twentieth . . . Senior Day! Luncheon, chapel, self-conscious dignity in caps and gowns . . . Senior picture . . . flowers at the desk . . . pressing formals . . . and then the banquet, the climax . . . songs . . . and tears. Hayride afterward . . . night air . . . more songs . . . memories. Serenade in the Court and a choky feeling in your throat as you sing "Decus," hands clasped . . . spread in lower Adams . . . Senior Table . . . "Before You Stands The Senior Class" . . . Upperclass play on December eighth, "The Importance of Being Earnest" . . . Miss Cheek's Christmas tea for Seniors . . . after Christmas, "cokes at Maddox House are all we seem to afford" . . . Hostesses to deans at their conference . . . "Well, I suppose it's all right as long as it's a girl's school," as a Senior goes down the hall . . . the Senior Carnival . . . "Drop it in the corner where you are!" . . . Installation of new officers . . . now we can concentrate on our comprehensives! . . . the sun roof again . . . "Please, Hank, it isn't very cloudy!" . . . spreads for the sophs . . . Junior-Senior picnic at the Farm . . . May Party . . . our last . . . and our own May Queen . . . Tree Planting, a new tree for RC and new songs for our sister class . . . the "Come-as-you-are" party—"gay, notorious!" . . .

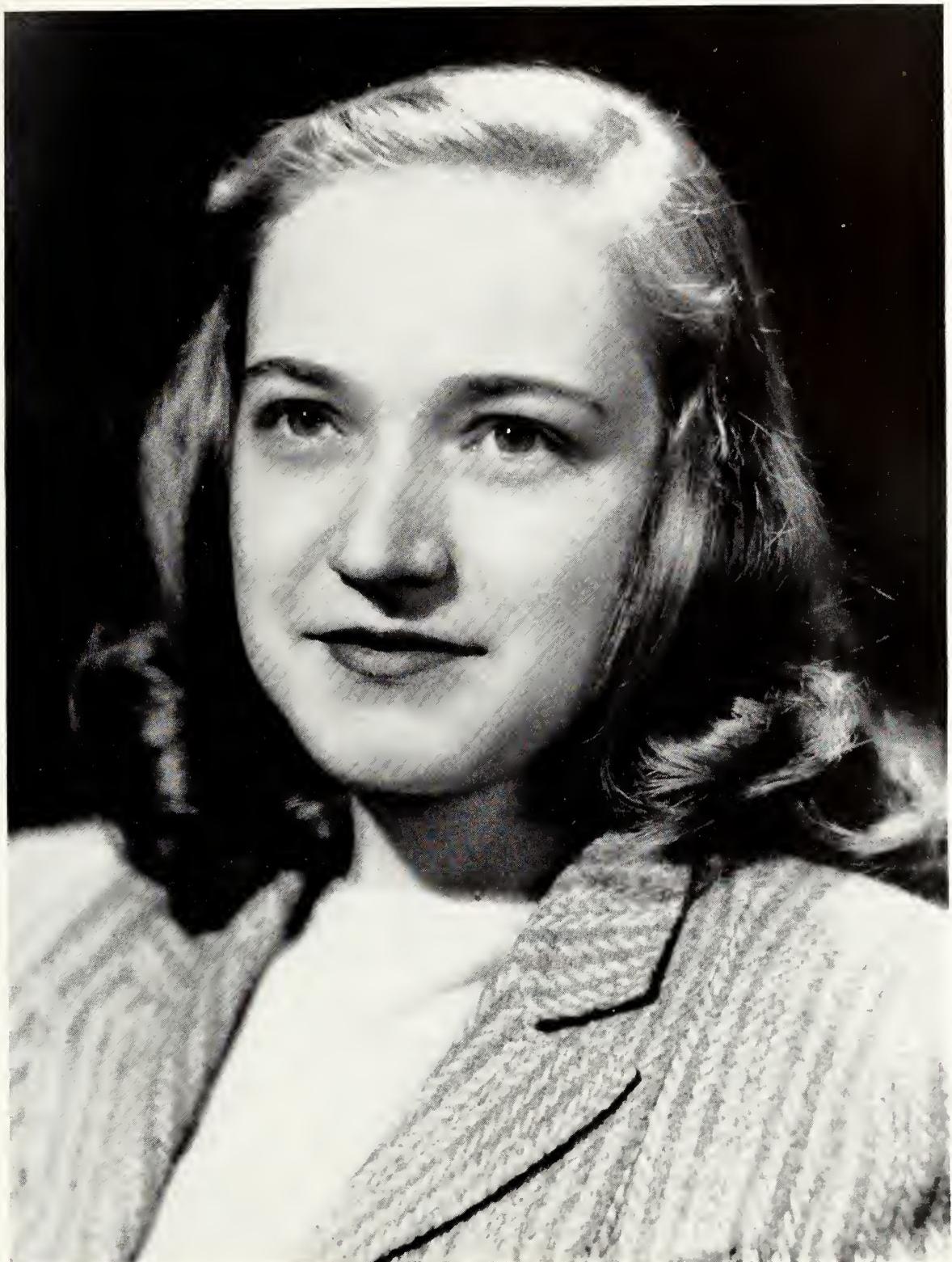
"This is the beginning and the end" . . . our class will and prophecy . . . Step-Sing . . . "Now Good-bye-ee" . . . "Decus" out by the Library, and tears . . . Baccalaureate . . . and Commencement . . . The Academic Procession . . . the address . . . the hoods and tassels changed . . . the Recessional . . . and then "Decus."



*Jean Hinds
President of Student Government Association*



*Marjorie Smith
Chairman of the Judicial Commission*



*Suzann Smith
President of the House Students*



*Helen Hainko
President of the Senior Class*



Student Government Association Board

Back Row: Engert, treasurer; Caldwell, junior class president; Hoinko, senior class president; Hoven, parliamentarian; M. Daane, sophomore class president; J. Daane, secretary. *Front Row:* Tunison, editor, *Vanguard*; M. Smith, chairman of judicial commission; Hinds, president; S. Smith, president of house students; Egelund, town student president. *Not in Picture:* Elsbeth Johnson, president of freshman class.



Judicial Commission

Rawitzer, S. Smith, M. Smith, Chairman, Barnett, Bloom.



Town Students' Board

Back Row: Kreuter, Wall, Johnson, Conklin, Pratt. Front Row: Keating, Johnson, Egelund, President, V. Keating.



House Council

Back Row: Horner, Manuell, M. Daane, King, Mott. Front Row: Tenney, Majo, S. Smith, O'Connell.

Faculty-Student Conference Committee



M. Smith, Densmore, Miss Swenson, Miss Cheek, Miss Abbott, Hinds, Hubbell, Leander,
Miss Underhill.

Socratic Honor Society



Back Row: M. Anderson, Isley, Green, Conklin, Van Horne, Tremper, Abbott, Selleck, Densmore, Hinshaw. Middle Row: Laughlin, M. Smith, J. Daane, Hoinko, President, Ross, Nash, Dauner. Front Row: Westvik, Trelease, Rasmussen, P. Johnson, Zeisel.



Y.W.C.A. Board

Back Row: Moyer, King, Schopps, Coyle, Manuell. *Front Row:* Hoffmann, Dauner, Baltzer, President, Trelease, Selleck.



Victory Council

Back Row: Pinney, Tunison, Conklin, Hoffmann. *Front Row:* Barton, King, Chairman, Schopps.



Juniors



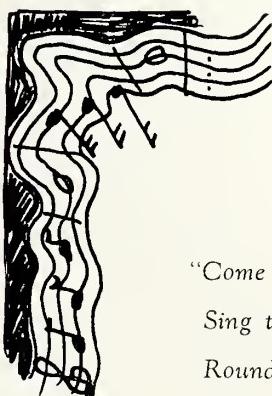


Back Row: Eckels, King, Giandrone, Ross, Tunison, Gayle, Horth, Canklin, Baltzer, Moyer, Hoffmann, Mosby, Selleck, Barnett, Densmore, Mott, Searles.

Third Row: Brendel, Lyman, Siegfried, Krantz, Egelund, Van Horne, Tremper, Findorff, Supplee, Fallon, Mc Hugh, Peterson, Zeisel, V. Keating, Campbell.

Second Row: Loefelmacher, O'Connell, Pratt, Schopps, Caldwell, Schrier, Manuell, Westburg, Thompson.

Front Row: Hamilton, Hinshaw, Trelease, Von Glahn, Bradley, Williams.



"Come let us sing, O Juniors,
Sing to the ivy green,
Round all our hearts entwined,
With its glossy sheen;
Growing for college fealty
Growing for days to be;
Ivy the truest symbol
Of loyalty Rockford to thee."



JUNIOR CLASS OFFICERS

Back Row: Pratt, Song Leader; Manuell, Treasurer.
Seated: Schrier, Vice-President; Schopps, Secretary; Caldwell, President.



TOLO OFFICERS

Back Row: Wright, Robinson, McKay, Hinchliff. Seated: Lyons, treasurer; Gradous, vice-president; Coffman, president, Siegfried, secretary. Front Row: Holler, Bradley.

Tolo

Everyone belongs to *Tolo*, the all-school organization that sponsors formal and informal dances, Maddox parties, and other social activities throughout the year.

Valentine Formal





Sophomores





Back Row: McRae, Smevog, DeSomery, Lull, Self, Kaufman, Duncan, Hutschenreuter, McKay, Dunning, Holtendahl, Bezark, Lindsay, Messer.

Fourth Row: Johnson, Lawson, Ralston, McCall, Anderson, Abbott, Block, Arbisi, Lynn, Ellis, Harrison, Rasmussen, Smart, Keating, Marsh, Schooley, Price, Ramberg, Hansen, Britton.

Third Row: Lathrop, Lacy, Foley, Laitner, M. Nelson, Bernstein, Maloney, P. Reed, Burney, R. Reid, Michell, Coyle, Leek, Harvill, Harper, Knight, Nemschoff, Ward, Knight, Horner, Westvik.

Second Row: Cummings, Bloom, Maurer, Rathke, Barton, Twomey, Klopsch, Atkinson, Diehl, Laughlin, Garland, Bessel, Volkmann, Thezelius, Pardee, Hubbell, Heuter, Dawe, Vodish.

Front Row: Page, Carpenter, Hoffman, Fairchild, Chinn, Isley, Daane, Leavenworth, Peel, Rosenquist, Medaris, Cary, E. Nelson.



*"Now here we are as sophomores,
on this our day of days."*

*We've worked and played at dear RC;
to her we give our praise.*

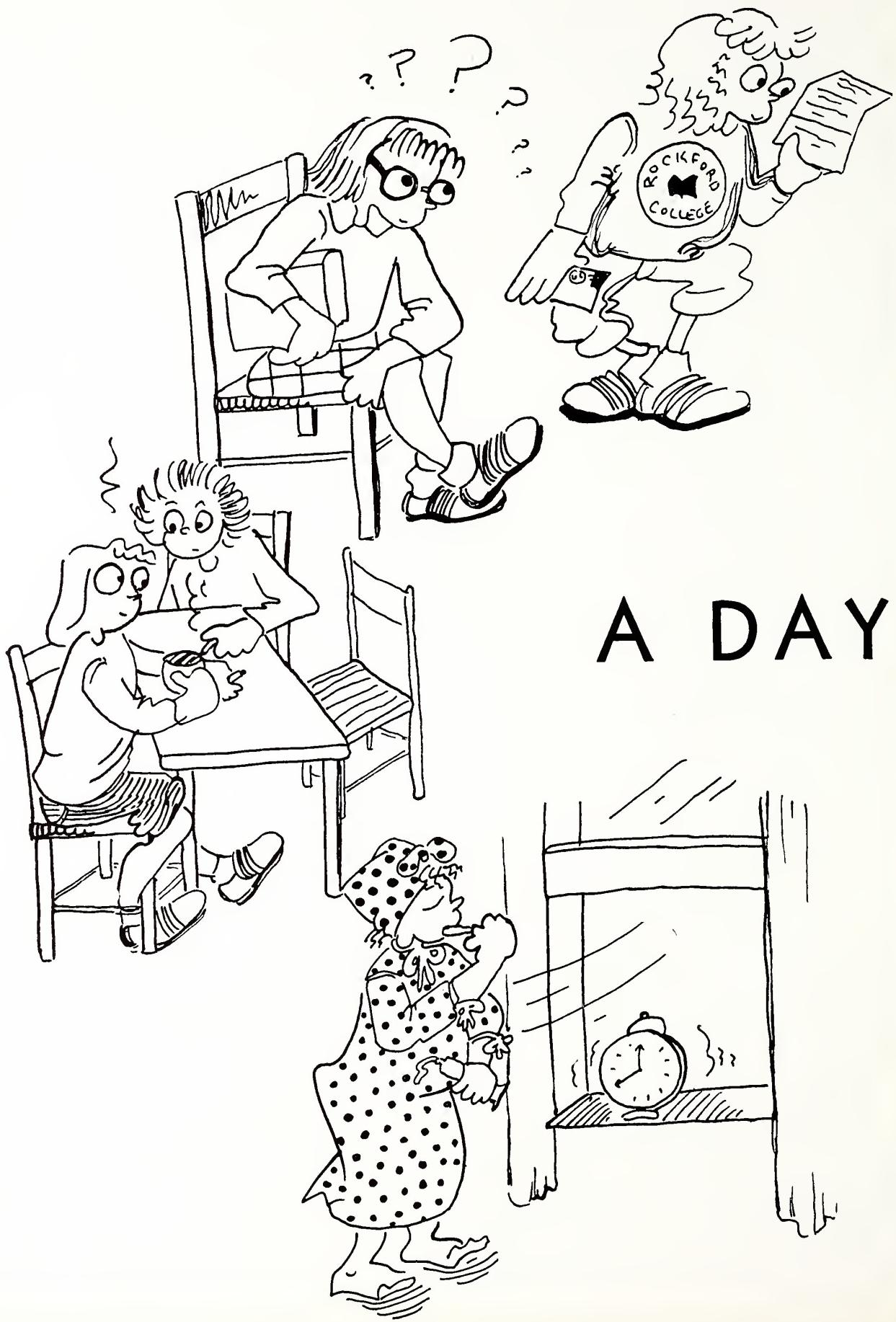
*We've hazed you gleefully today,
'twas all in fun, you know;*

*Tradition stands, so we shall say,
'Let sophomore spirit grow!'*

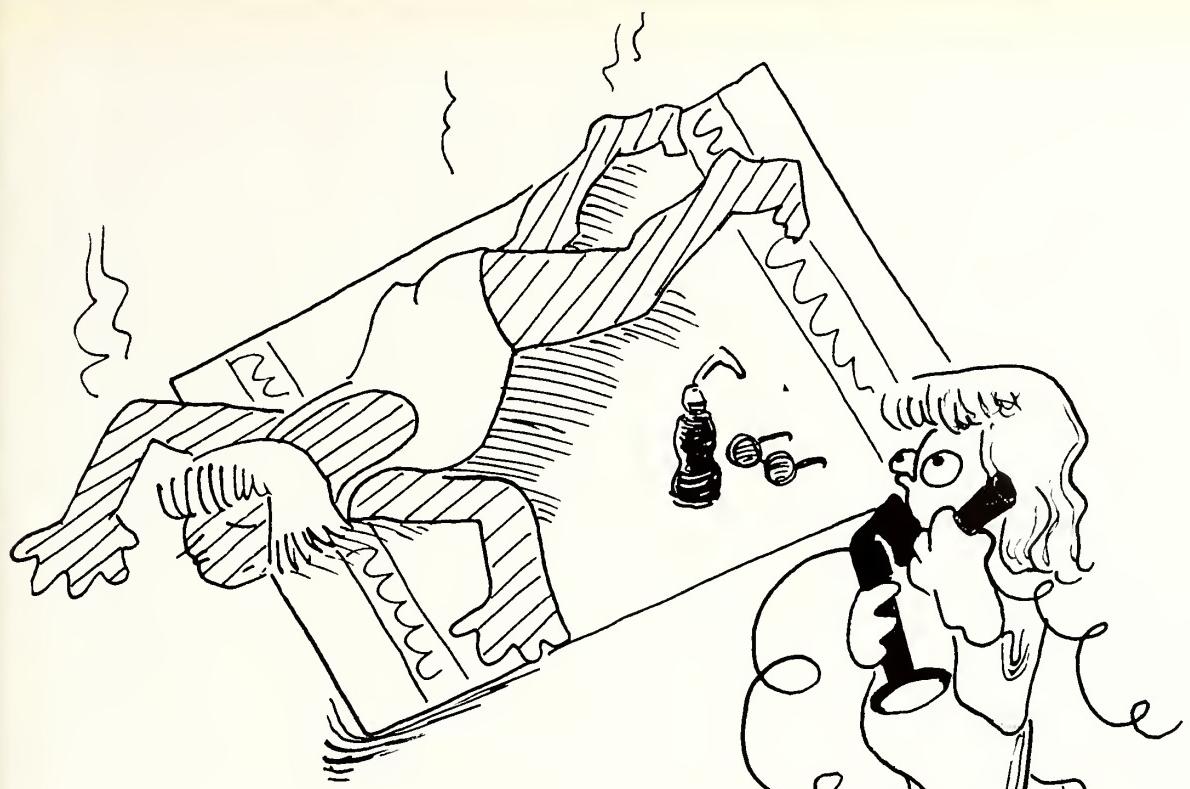


SOPHOMORE CLASS OFFICERS

Back Row: Peel, Treasurer; Chinn, Song Leader; Isley, Secretary. *Front Row:* M. Daane, President; Leavenworth, Vice-President.

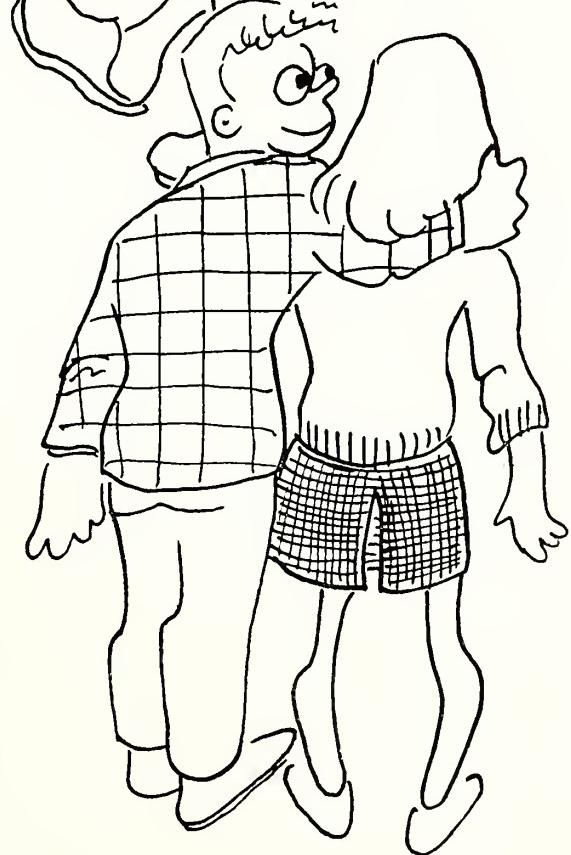


A DAY



AT RC

by "Butch"



Athletic Association Board

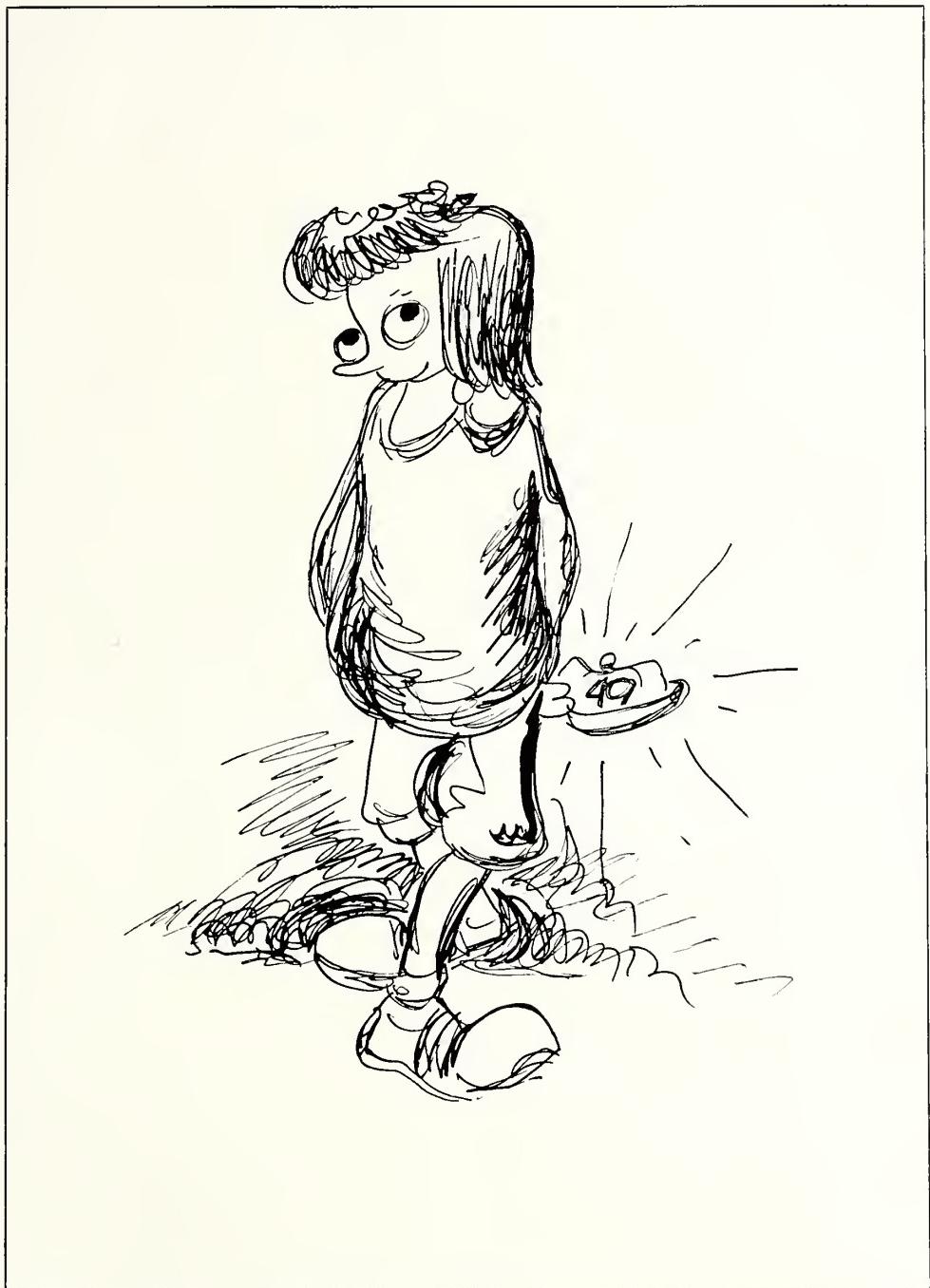


Back Row: Volkman, McRae, Schopps, Schrier, Schooley, Klopsch. Seated: Hinshaw, Keating, Siegfried, Williams, President, Susskind.

Orchesis



Back Row: A. Hoffmann, DeSomery, Atkinson, Robinson. Middle Row: Barnett, Miss Bonnell, Holtendahl, Zeisel, President, Knight. Front Row: Rawitzer, Self, Ohlendorf.

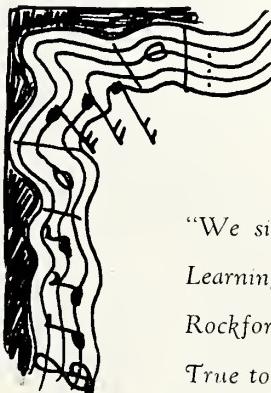


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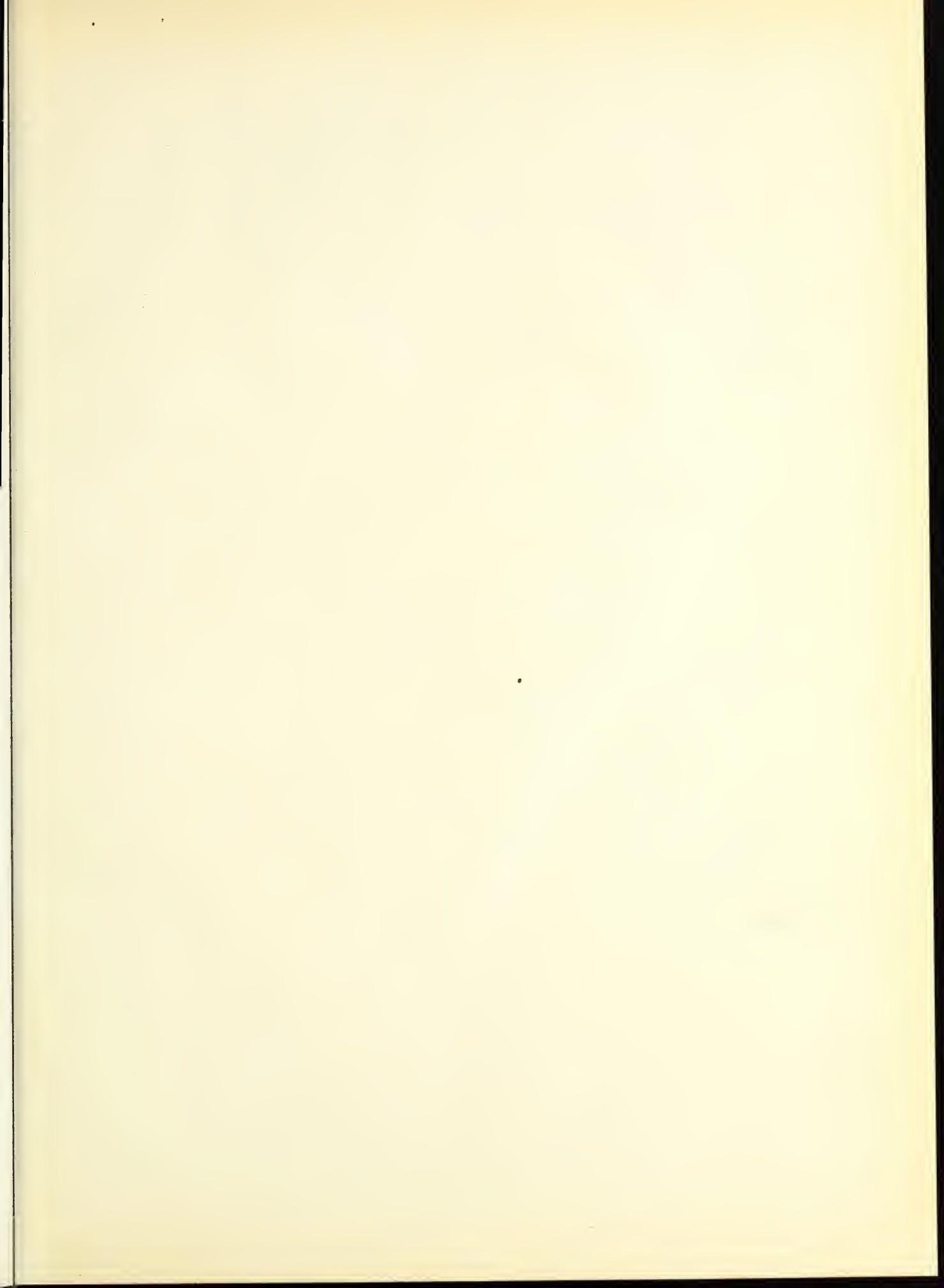
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